

INSBOE Business Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018 at 9:00 AM (ET)
Indiana State Library
315 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202

Board Members Present: Dr. Jennifer McCormick (Chair), Mr. BJ Watts (Vice Chair), Dr. Byron Ernest (Secretary), Dr. Vince Bertram (by phone), Mr. Gordon Hendry, Dr. David Freitas, Dr. Maryanne McMahon, Mr. Tony Walker (partially by phone), Ms. Kate Mote, Dr. Steve Yager, and Ms. Cari Whicker.

Board Members Absent: None

I. Call to Order

- a. Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- a. With the modifications of: removing the virtual school recommendations; moving the item MSD of Wabash County v. Twin Lakes School Corporation from consent agenda to an action item; and adding remarks from CSUSA, the agenda was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes from August 23 and September 5 were approved by a voice vote unanimously.

IV. Statement from the Chair

- a. Dr. McCormick recognized the Veterans' Day programs of Indiana schools and thanked veterans for their service.

V. Board Member Comments and Reports

VI. Remarks from Charter Schools USA (CSUSA)

- a. Jonathan Hage, CEO of CSUSA, updated the Board on the status of their work within Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) turnaround schools.
- b. Mr. Hendry requested that staff determine the Board's role in possibly changing the mascot at Manual High School.

VII. Public Comment

- a. Melissa Brown of Indiana Connections Academy spoke about virtual schools and the impact of high student mobility on their accountability grade.

VIII. Best Practices

- a. A presentation by MSD of Decatur Township was done regarding their Locally Created Pathway. Presentation begins at [53:01](#).
- b. Ms. Mote asked that with new definition of concentrator, Board staff evaluate what the impact would be on the MSD Decatur program. Dr. McCormick assured her that the intention is to be as flexible as possible and that the Department is already working on it.

IX. Consent Agenda

- a. The Consent Agenda, amended to remove MSD of Wabash County v. Twin Lakes School Corporation, was approved by a voice vote unanimously.

Dr. Bertram had to leave the meeting due to a prior engagement.

X. New Business—Action

- a. A-F Grade Placements
 - i. Maggie Paino of DOE presented summary data on determinations for grade placements.
 - ii. The Board voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve A-F grade placements.
- b. Saint Mary's College Teacher Preparation Program (begins at [2:22](#))
 - i. Scott Bogan of DOE shared the recommendation that the Board reaccredit Saint Mary's College in line with the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) accreditation decision. The Board unanimously, 10-0, approved the recommendation.
- c. University of Indianapolis Teacher Preparation Program (begins at [2:29](#))
 - i. Mr. Bogan shared the recommendation that the Board approve a new district administrator for the Exceptional Needs program at University of Indianapolis. The Board unanimously, 10-0, approved the recommendation
 - ii. Mr. Bogan shared the recommendation that the Board approve a new program for teachers of English Language Learners. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation.
- d. Bethel College Teacher Preparation Program
 - i. Mr. Bogan shared the recommendation that the Board approve a new program for teachers of English Language Learners. The Board unanimously, 10-0, approved the recommendation.
- e. Governor's Workforce Cabinet Recommendations
 - i. PJ McGrew of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet, presented [recommendations](#) from the Cabinet for the Board to consider. The Board voted, 10-0, to adopt the recommendations.
- f. Updates to Graduation Pathways Policy Document
 - i. Alicia Kielmovitch, senior director of policy at INSBOE, answered questions regarding aligning the definitions of [CTE concentrator](#) between Perkins and Graduation Pathways.
 - ii. The Board voted 8-2 (Dr. McMahon and Dr. Yager voted no) to approve the [recommendations](#) including the requirement of the C average.
- g. Career and Technical Education Agreement: Area 18
 - i. Ms. Whicker recused herself from the discussion and vote.
 - ii. Public comment was heard from:
 - 1. Scott Mills of Northern Wells Community Schools stated that Northern Wells has abstained from the current debate but asks the State Board to evaluate the agreement.
 - 2. Wayne Baker of Bluffton Community Schools, which is the LEA of Area 18, stated that Southern Wells' decision to transport students from outside could have a negative impact, especially if local schools choose to withdraw from Area 18.
 - 3. Randy Harris of Huntington County Schools and president of CTE Area 18 spoke in support of amending the agreement.
 - 4. Chad Yencer, superintendent of Blackford County Schools, spoke in support of amending the agreement.

- iii. Tim Schultz, General Counsel at INSBOE, reviewed the [memo](#) outlining Board options.
- iv. Additional public comment was heard from:
 - 1. Steve Darnell, Superintendent of Southern Wells Community Schools, spoke in opposition to amending the agreement.
 - 2. Kent Franzen, an attorney representing Southern Wells Community Schools, made a presentation in opposition to amending the agreement.
 - 3. Todd Feeter, Vice President of the Southern Wells Community School Board, spoke in opposition to amending the agreement.
 - 4. Tammy Moore, a parent, spoke in opposition to amending the agreement.
 - 5. A representative of the Southern Wells Community School Board spoke in opposition to amending the agreement.
- v. After discussion, the motion to approve the amended agreement failed 2-7; Dr. Yager and Superintendent McCormick voted yes. Ms. Whicker recused herself from discussion and vote on this issue.
- h. Proposed Dyslexia Rule
 - i. The Board voted to approve the [proposed rule](#). The vote was 10-0.
- i. Metropolitan School District of Wabash County v. Twin Lakes School Corporation
 - i. Mr. Schultz updated the Board on the facts of the [suit](#). The Board voted 10-0 to affirm the opinion of the hearing officer, cause 08-052018.

XI. Discussion and Reports

- a. SAT/AP Update
 - i. A presentation about the most recent scores was made by the College Board.
- b. Alternate Algebra II Course and Math Transition Course
 - i. Dr. Jennifer Jensen of IDOE presented an update on her discussions with the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) and the courses. She also provided an update on the science courses discussion.
- c. Assessment
 - i. Dr. Charity Flores of IDOE presented an update on assessment.
- d. Core Licensure Exams
 - i. Dr. Phillips presented her findings by phone.
- e. Graduation Pathways
 - i. Ben Carter with IDOE presented an update on IDOE implementation efforts to date.
- f. Social, Emotional and Behavioral Health Plan/Social and Emotional Learning
 - i. Christy Berger with IDOE offered an update.
- g. SBOE and DOE Roles and Responsibilities Related to Turnaround Academies
 - i. Ron Sandlin of INSBOE was available for questions about the [memo](#) outlining roles and responsibilities. No questions were received.

XII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned.